through the Government, that I have brought this resolution now. I wish this House to unanimously support me in this matter. I therefore request that the matter may be put to a division.

Resolution put and carried.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—A poll, Sir.

The House divided—Ayes 20, Noes 10 and Neutrals 3.

Ayes.

1	Mr.	K Ayyappan	11	Mr. K T Mathew
2	,,	M A Chakko	12	,, A I Mani
3	,,	A Eachara Menon	13	,, C A Ouseph
4	,,	K G Nayar	14	,, Paul Mampilli
5	,,	K M Ibrahim	15	,, T A Ramachandra Ayyar
6	,,	E Ikkanda Warriar	16	Dr. A R Menon
7	,,	Joseph Pettah	17	Mr. M K Raman
8	,,	P S Kesavan Nambudiri	18	,, A Sankara Poduval
9	,,	T K Nayar	19	,, K P Vallon
10	,,	P Kumaran Ezhuthassan	20	,, P C Virkey

Noes.

1	Mr.	K Achyuta Menon	6	Mr. M D Narayana Ayyar
2	,,	M P Cherian	7	,, T Narayana Menon
3	,,	C J Mathew	8	Dr. D Raghavendra Rao
4	,,	I N Menon	9	Rama Varmha Tampuran
5	,,	P Nilakanta Menon	10	Mr. P V Raphael

Neuturals.

1 Mr. C Barton Wright
2 ,, C N Ittiravi Nambudiri
3 ,, P Krishna Menon

As the following resolution was not moved it was considered withdrawn.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ.—തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർതുടങ്ങിട്ടുള്ള അധീനത ഹോസ്റ്റലിൽ ഒരു ക്ലാക്കിനെക്കൂടി നിയമിക്കുവാൻ ഈ സഭ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനോടു ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

14. Adequate Supply of Drinking water to Nemmara.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Sir, I only want to know whether the Government are making arrangements to have the supply of water to the entire public of Nemmara during the summer season, over and above the taps now existing.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—We are not in a position to add to the number of taps existing, as I have already explained yesterday. Even for the existing taps the water supply is not sufficient. Steps are being taken and, I believe, are nearing completion by this time, whereby we hope that the present number of taps will be supplying water at good pressure. That is all I am in a position to say now. I cannot say now whether we will be able to add to the number of taps.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the extension of pipes be taken into consideration if there is a sufficient supply of water?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The pipes will be extended and the number of taps increased, if there is a good supply of water.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—I do not move the resolution.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—*This Council recommends to the Government that necessary arrangements may be made in the management of the water works at Nemmara to afford greater facilities for an adequate supply of drinking water to the entire public during the summer season at Nemmara.*

15. Annual reduction of Toddy Shops.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—*This Council requests the Government to reduce annually for the next five years 5 per cent of foreign, arrack and toddy shops in the State.* Sir, in moving this resolution it is not necessary for me to speak much, for the policy of reducing the number of shops has been accepted by the Government. This resolution only requests the Government to fix a percentage of the number of shops to be reduced annually. If we refer to the Administration Report, we will see that it is said therein that the Government are reducing the number of shops from year to year. This resolution, as I said, wants to follow a definite standard so that the reduction of the number of shops may not be left to the discretion of the officer concerned. It has already been brought to the attention of the Government that we do not have an officer as the head of the department for a very long time. Every half year or rather at the end of every quarter we get another officer as the head of the Excise Department. So it has not been possible for the Government to follow a definite policy. By this resolution we request the Government to adopt a definite policy as regards the annual reduction of the number of shops and as this is in keeping with the policy pursued by the Government, I hope the Government will accept this resolution.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I beg to second this resolution.

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I oppose this resolution. We accept the principle, but we cannot adhere to a fixed scale of reduction in the number of shops. We are reducing the number of shops every year. Even more than 5 per cent of the shops are reduced in some years. In some years it comes to 1 per cent or 2 per cent. The number of shops depends upon several circumstances, such as, the demand, etc. We are not reducing shops which will fetch low rentals only. We are closing shops of high rentals also. For instance, in 1100 toddy shops which fetch a rental of Rs. 25,430 were reduced—in 1101, Rs. 4,500

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